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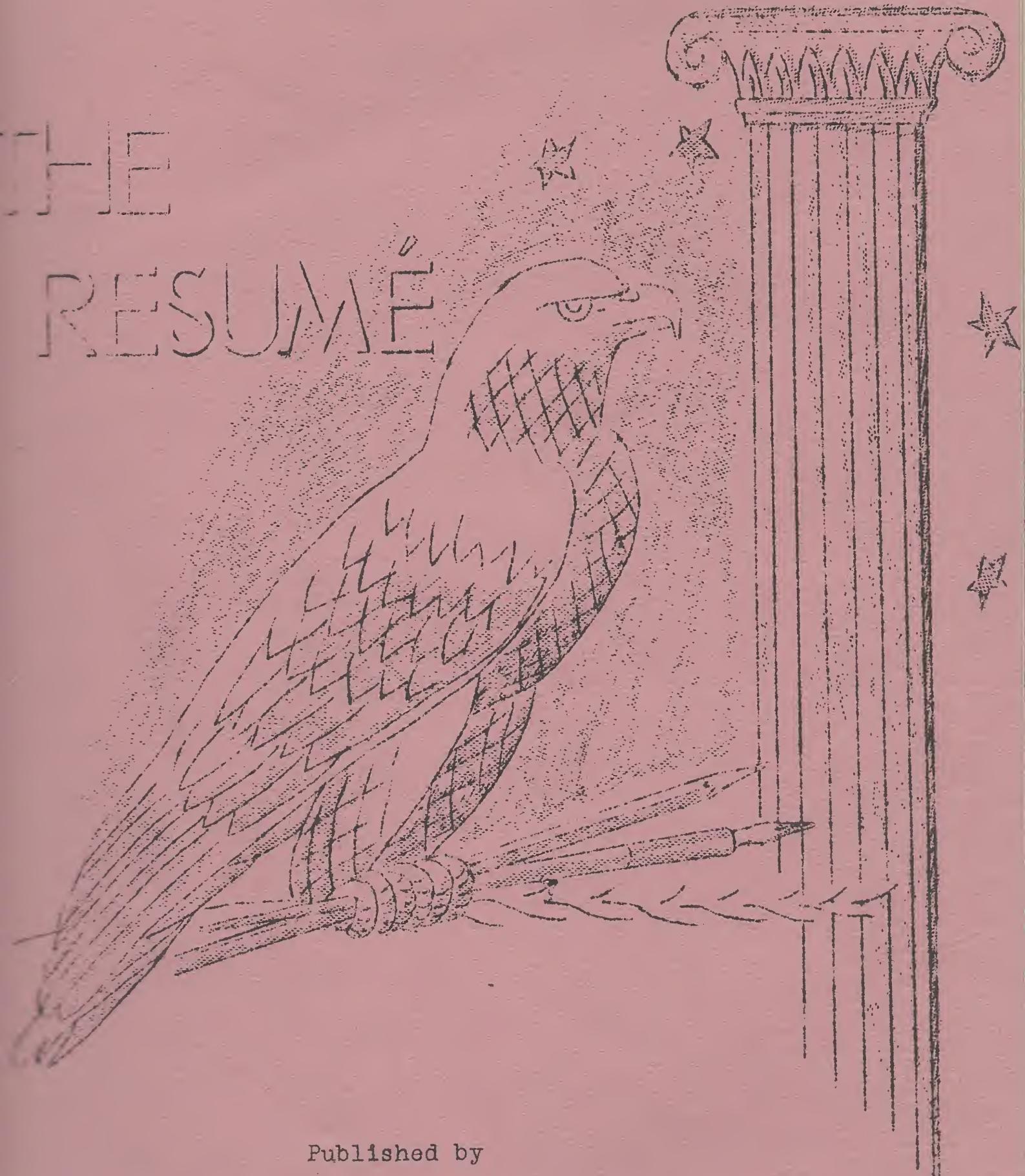
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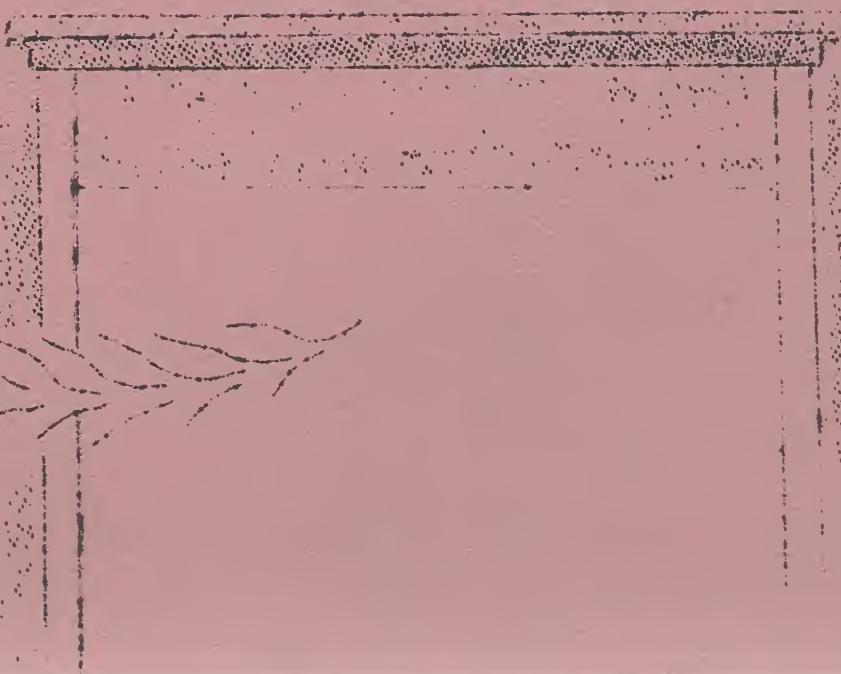
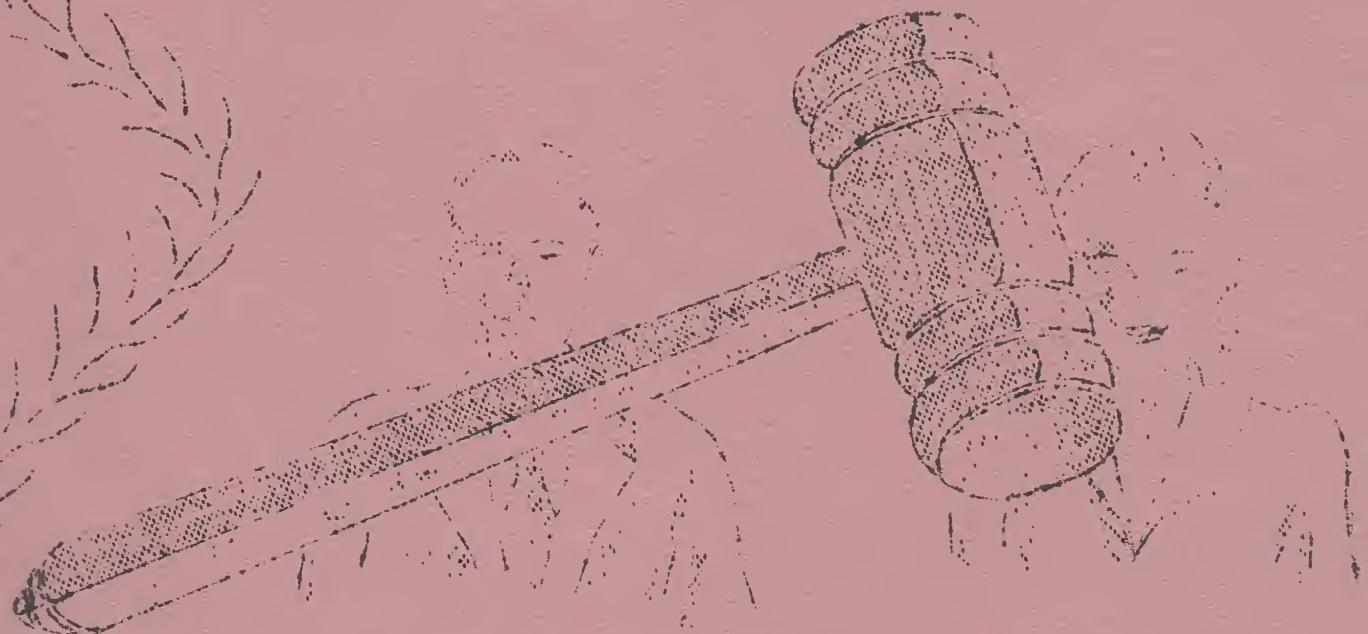
## FOREWARD

In presenting this volume for 1946, it is our chief aim to help the graduates to remember their friends and experiences in the school, to recall memories to the minds of the former graduates, to acquaint the people of the community with the functions and activities of this school, and to create a more intimate relationship between the parents and the students of the school.

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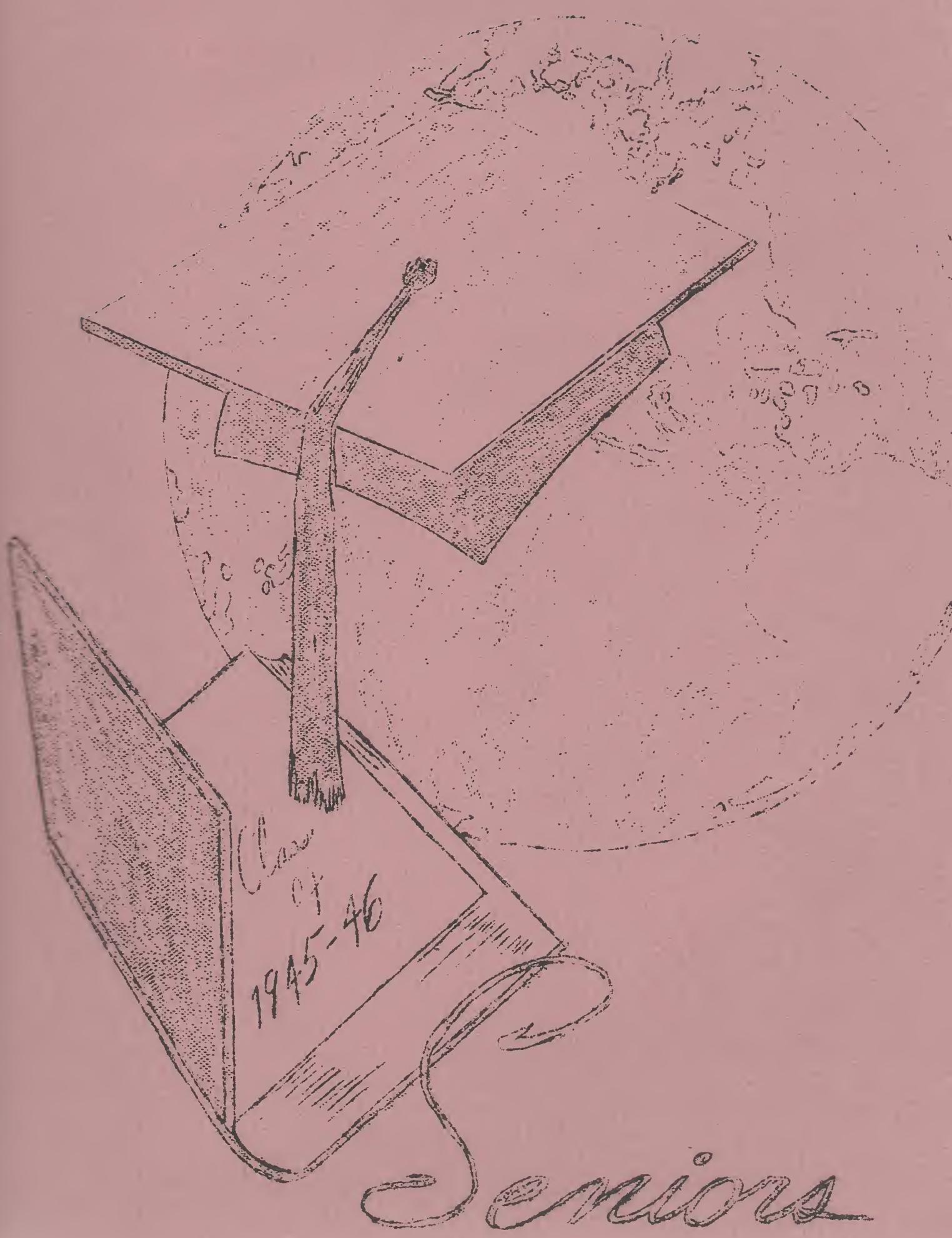
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Bottom Row-L. to R.--Mr. Coffey, Miss Gouty, Mrs. Cotton









## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In the year 1942, forty in number, we started on our long journey to gain education. We were bashful and a slight off-shaded but determined to reach our destination. We chose for officers President--Gene Howell, Vice-President--Lois Meitzler Secretary--Mary Butts, and Treasurer--Byron Wise, Student-Council member-Peggy Meitzler. To help us with our problems we chose Mr. Maxey as advisor. The upper-classmen had a Wiener Roast in Potomac park in our honor. With the co-operation of the Sophomore Class, we sponsored the annual Christmas Party.

Our vacation over, our long journey continued. Feeling stronger and having lost our odd shade, we were in the upper classmen group. Out of our thirty-seven members we chose for President-John Bickers, Vice-Pres.--Alice Jean Buck, Secretary-Bernadine Early, and Treasurer-Byron Wise, Student-Council members--Jim Grider, Millie Collins. Our advisor was Mr. Searles. We also helped the Freshmen with the Christmas Party. Our journey half-ended it was time for another short vacation.

Our third year on the road to higher knowledge found us light hearted, ambitious and thirty-four in number. Our officers were, President--Helen Holt, Vice-Pres.-Mary Butts, Secretary-Peggy Meitzler and Treasurer--Byron Wise. Advisors were Mrs. Lindgren and Miss Hemp. Student Council members were Hardin James, John Bickers, and Jim Grider.

Being ambitious we sold magazine subscriptions and sold \$327.75 over our 500 goal.

We also presented the Seniors with a Junior-Senior Banquet at the Hotel Grier Lincoln in Danville, May 3. We purchased for the school a record turn table and microphone.

Our journey almost at an end we are back to finish it up. Well known as the Sophisticated Seniors we try to live up to it. Losing a few and gaining a few we have now thirty members. Class officers are: President--Evelyn Ann Barr, Vice-Pres.-John Bickers, Secretary-Mary Butts and Treasurer-Betty McConnell, Student--Council members-Jim Grider, Helen Holt, Hardin James and Norma Plotner. Class Advisors--Mrs. Cotton, and Mr. Laurence. One of the many events of the year was the Carnival. In November we attended the Great Lakes vs. Illinois Football game at the University of Illinois. Our Senior pictures were also taken in October. Last but not least, we have come to the end of our journey. We hope the future will be as merry as our high school days. Instead of singing, "Put That Ring On My Finger" we are singing "Put That Diploma In My Hand".

Betty McConnell

### IN MEMORY OF JAMES BUCK

To him, our friend and classmate  
Who was by all held dear,  
He who was taken from us,  
Who left us just this year.

He hasn't been forgotten,  
Nor shall he ever be  
For among the Class of "47"  
He's one whom we shall see.

Why he was taken from us  
We do not understand,  
Still we are, certain that it was,  
But part of God's great plan.

In memory of Jim, our pal  
These humble words are given,  
He who but budded here on earth,  
To blossom out in heaven.

- CLASS OF "46"

SENIORS

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Top Row (L. to R.)--Robert Davis, Peggy Meitzler, Wayne Brown

Second Row--James Grider, Evelyn Ann Barr

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Second Row--Imogene Owens, Mary Butts

Third Row--Norma Plotner, Marylou James

Fourth Row--John Bickers, LaVonne Smith, Richard Early













## CLASS POEM

First is our Boss A. F. Laurence  
The poor guy was out on a limb,  
Till along came those angelic Seniors  
To run the whole system for him.

Then there's our Sponser Lu Cotton,  
"Within her, "Dear Soul", lay out trust.  
We promised her each Monday morning  
We'd get all our work in, or bust.

We have a girl, whose really a pearl,  
She's one of the nicest there are.  
Tho' she's not heaven sent  
She's our class president,  
You know her, she's Evelyn Ann Barr.

I know of a lad, who's not at all bad,  
He doesn't drink wines or such liquors.  
But his red hair and curls  
Have some Sophomore girls  
Looking fondly at John (Fickle) Bickers.

There's a pair of brown eyes, of fabulous size,  
But beware all you Dicks and you Donalds.  
You'd just hear her scream,  
"I'm a waitin' fer Gene"  
Yes, those eyes are Betty McConnell's.

I know of another, he's nobody's brother  
But a girls 'ud think the devil beside 'er,  
If he turned out to be a brother to she  
Instead of the eligible Grider.

There's a girl who sits groomin', she's nearly  
not human,  
Her lipstick's smeared up to her nose.  
But I'll pray if I can  
May she git a man  
She's known to us as Ruth Rose.

I speak of a child, who studies the while  
And the D. A. R. award, it has gotten 'er.  
But if God had a gave us  
Some more like Bob Davis  
We might have all been like Norma Plotner.

We can all see, a show without fee  
If we all keep our eyes on a Chrysler.  
Yes, it's really a sight  
To see R. M. Stites  
With his arm around Lois V. Meitzler.

Lois V. has a cousin, who's really a buzzin',  
Watch a Plymouth instead of the Chrysler.  
Tho' this may rate a spankin'  
What's the boys got from Rankin  
That they ain't got down here, Peggy Meitzler?

That gal with the mind; it's on one track and blind  
But the guys seem to think they're in luck,  
If they can but rate  
A chance for a date  
With Blond babe Alice (Bea) Buck.

There's a couple of boys who are real Senior joys  
With this thought I've oft times been stuck;  
If they hadn't been left  
Then they made Mutt n' Jeff  
How'd we know which was Ray and Mike Buck?

He calls us all hams or real boogie mans  
But there's none of his talk that can hurt us.  
For when he starts ter' fussin'  
We gives him a cussin'  
You know what I mean, don't ya, Curtis?

Once I was asked, "There's romance in your class?"  
But my answer gave no one a jolt.  
Not a one was surprised  
By the look in the eyes  
Of Hardin James as he gazed at H. Holt.

There's a girl with a head, that's covered with  
red,  
Her teeth are all long, and pearly.  
And her man if he could  
Would leave the army for good  
And come back to Bernadine Early.

She's tall and she's dark with eyes that show  
spark,  
With her folks who live down by the sewer.  
I'll save you some time  
In explaining this rhyme  
Sewers all that will rhyme with R. Booher.

Never let it be said, when in later years read,  
That I have omitted two names.  
And as is the rage,  
They both are engaged  
The two girls are Owens and James.

There's a guy with a pan-some, considered as  
handsome,  
But for praise let him not be a waitin'.  
No need for reviewin'  
The things he's been doin',  
It's not safe, is it, Donnie Keith Creighton?

Another one's groovy, he runs every movie,  
And I'll tell you all right here and now:  
We all make great haste  
If there's time we can waste  
At the movies run for us by Howell.

The girls they may tese, but he's darn hard to  
please,  
No favor you'll find in his eyes.  
When you start in to smoke  
Look out--or he'll choke!  
No girl has yet pleased Byron Wise.

We know of a lady, tho' she's years under eighty,  
She don't use slang such as nuts!!!  
If I'm bein' corny,  
Ya' can skip all this blarny,  
I'm merely descibing M. Butts.

Speaking of women' there's those who try slimin'  
And those with a spirit so blithe  
Yes I can name two  
Where the latter holds true  
The girls are Hilleary and Smith.

He's not dark or tall, but he plays basketball  
On the floor he needs plenty of room  
He's really a guy  
That catches the eye  
He's known as Buzzie Busboom.

These three guys on my list would surely be missed  
If I should neglect to put down  
A good word about 'em  
That I really do doubt 'em  
They're Carlson, Early, and Brown.

EVELYNN PARKER

| SENIORS                            | LIKES                      | FOUND                             | WEAKNESS                    |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Evelyn Parker<br>Imogene Owens     | to talk<br>to giggle       | Study Hall<br>eating              | bubble gum<br>blue eyes     |
| Lois Meitzler                      | to sleep                   | in green cars                     | a good time                 |
| Betty McConnell<br>Alice J. Buck   | sailors<br>sophomores      | not in school<br>in a red Ford    | sandy hair<br>Ex. Ser. men  |
| DeVonne Smith                      | to study                   | alone                             | height                      |
| Selen Holt<br>Marylou James        | black hair<br>horses       | with Hardin<br>with a sailor      | good grades<br>Jim          |
| Emily Booher                       | hospitals                  | at home                           | Alan Carlson                |
| Evelyn Ann Barr<br>Bernadine Early | everyone<br>Smitty         | studying<br>in Rantoul            | knees<br>curly hair         |
| Don Creighton                      | his cousin                 | crying in shows                   | women                       |
| Jim Grider<br>Alan Carlson         | a variety<br>J. Ford       | at Reynold's<br>on a Paxton St.   | Chevrolets<br>girls gloves  |
| Richard Early                      | speed                      | driving a Ford                    | cows                        |
| Don Curits<br>Clarence Busboom     | Ruthie Nelson<br>Darlene   | in Potomac<br>in Whitt's          | cheerleaders<br>blondes     |
| Mike Buck                          | student nurse              | at all parties                    | a senior                    |
| Peggy Meitzler<br>John Bickers     | Home Ec.<br>all girls      | in a Chevrolet<br>where girls are | Billy Lucas<br>Peggy        |
| Mary Butts                         | a soldier                  | in Penfield                       | diamonds                    |
| Bob Davis<br>Hardin James          | Norma<br>music             | in a truck<br>practicing          | basketball<br>Helen         |
| Ray Buck                           | English                    | at all ballgames                  | Marge                       |
| Jayne Brown<br>Gene Howell         | to be quiet<br>school      | Physics Lab.<br>Mrs. C.'s room    | bashfulness<br>Worthy Cause |
| Norma Plotner                      | finger nails               | studying Home Ec.                 | senior boy                  |
| Lois Hilleary<br>Beth Rose         | Oakwood boys<br>sophomores | with LaVonne<br>central office    | Glee Club<br>tall boys      |
| Eryon Wise                         | coaching                   | in the gym                        | freshmen                    |

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### Evelyn Ann Barr

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Band 2,3,4, Contest 4; Speech 2; Home Ec Club 1,2,3, 4, Sec. 3, Pres. 4; Annual 4; Newspaper Ed. 3; Senior Class Pres; Honor Group 4; Salutatorian.

### John Bickers (Johnny)

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Contest 4; Vocal Solo Contest 4; Speech 2,3; F.F.A. 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Basketball 3,4, B.B. Mgr.2; Soph. Pres., Senior V-Pres; Paper Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Stu. Council Sec. 3; Honor Group 4.

### Alice Jean Buck (Bea)

St. Laurence Academy 1; 3-Act Play 1; Glee Club 2, 3,4; Operetta 2, Contest 4; Soph. V-Pres., Class Treas. 1; Newspaper Staff 4.

### Michael Buck (Mike)

St. Laurence Academy 1; 3-Act Play 1; 1-Act Play 1; Freshman Class Sec; Annual 4.

### Clarence Busboom (Buzzy)

Basketball 3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Paper Staff 3; Annual 4.

### Ruby Booher

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Band 2; Home Ec Club 1,3,4; Speech 1,2; Annual 4.

### Mary Butts

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Home Ec Club 1,2,3,4; Junior V-Pres.; Senior Class Sec.; Newspaper Ed 3; Speech 2; Annual 4; Honor Group 4; Assit. Librarian 4.

### Wayne Brown

Bismarck 1,2; Class Treas. 2; Paper Staff 4.

### Allen Carlson

Milford 1,2,3; Football 3; Glee Club 2,3; Paper Staff 4; Annual 4.

### Donald Curtis (Don)

Glee Club 1,2,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Baseball 3; Basketball 3,4.

Senior Activities--2

Richard Early (Dick)

St. Lawrence Academy 1; F. F. A. 2; 1-Act Play 2.

Don Creighton (Donnie)

Glee Club 1,2, Operetta 1,2; Band 1,2; Annual 4.

Jim Grider (Lum)

Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Mgr. Basketball and Baseball 1; Student Council 1,2,3,4, Vice-Pres. 2, Pres. 4; Annual 4.

Lois Hilleary

Oakwood 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Cantata 4, Contest 4, G.A.A. 1,2; Charm School 2; Home Ec Club 1,2,3,4.

Gene Howell

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Band 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Assit. Librarian 1,2,3,4; Paper Staff 1,2,3,4; Freshman Pres.; Honor Group 4.

Helen Holt (Buggs)

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Band 1,2,3,4, V-Pres. 4, Contest 4; Music Contest 3, 4; Baton 2,3,4; Newspaper Staff 1,2,3,4, Editor 4; Student Council 4; Speech 2, Home Ec Club 1,2,3,4, V-Pres. 3, Sec. 4; Class Pres. 3; Annual 4; Honor Group 4; Carnival Queen 2; Valedictorian.

Robert Davis (Bob)

Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2, Operetta 1,2; Paper Staff 3, Annual 4.

Hardin James (Lefty)

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Band 1,2,3,4, Pres. 4; Contest 4; Music Contest 2,3, 4; Play 3; Speech 2; Stu. Council 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Sec. 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; Honor Group 4 Paper Staff 3,4, Assit. Ed. 4, Valentine King 3; Annual 4.

Marylou James (Jockey)

Glee Club 1,2,3, Operetta 1,2; Band 1,2,3; Home Ec Club 1,2,3,4; Annual 4.

Lois Meitzler (Lo)

Glee Club, Operetta 2; Home Ec Club 1,3,4; V-Pres. Freshman Class; Annual 4.

## Senior Activities--3

Peggy Meitzler (Peg)

Glee Club 2; Baton 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Student Council 1; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3; Sec. of Jr. Class; Carnival Queen 4.

Lola J. McConnell (Betty)

Peoria Roosevelt 1; Bowling Club 1; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Operetta 2; Cheerleader 2,4; Play 3; Home Ec Club 4; Treasurer of Sr. Class; Annual 4.

Imogene Owens (Imy)

Glee Club 2,3; Operetta 2; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; Treasurer of Home Ec. Club, 3.

Norma Plotner

Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Band Contest 4; Operetta 1,2; Paper Staff 2,3,4; Student Council 4; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4, Pres. of Home Ec. Club 3, Treas. 4; Honor Group 4, D.A.R. 4; 1-Act Play 2; Speech 1,2,3; Annual 4.

Ruth Rose (Ruthie)

Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Operetta 1,2, Cantata 4, Contest 4; Home Ec Club 1,2,4; Paper Staff 4; Annual Editor 4.

LaVonne Smith

Glee Club 2; Band 2,3,4; Contest 4; Annual 4.

Byron Wise (Stub)

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Class Treas. 1,2,3; Annual 4.

Ray Buck (Red)

St. Laurence Academy 1; 3-Act Play 1; 1-Act Play 1; Pres. of Class 1.

Evelynne Parker

Cayuga, Ind. 1; Salem, Ill. 2; Thistlewood, Ill. 2; Belview, Colo. 3; Peoria Woodruff 3; Peoria Manuel Training 4; Armstrong 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4, Contest 4; Band 1; Harmony Club 2; Paper Staff 4; Annual 4.

PROPHECY - Class of '46

I had the most peculiar dream the other night. It was so unusual, in fact, that I told it at school the next morning. It was supposed to have taken place on a beautiful summer day in June, 1956. It ran something like this:

The first thing I knew I found myself at Crystal Lake Park in Champaign. There were a great many people there and more were arriving at frequent intervals. A high table was spread with various kinds of mouth-watering food and I finally surmised it was a picnic of some sort. You can imagine my consternation and embarrassment when I found myself to be a complete stranger among a group of people who apparently knew each other. Then, as I looked at the faces about me, I became aware of the fact that most of them were slightly familiar to me. As I studied them more closely I decided they were my former classmates of good ol' A.T.H.S. Naturally, they had changed a little, and I was very surprised when a stylish dressed young man about twenty-seven years old, looking suspiciously like an older edition of Byron Wise, came up to me and said, "Hello, there. It's a swell day for our reunion, isn't it?" I began to understand. I was apparently present at a reunion of our Senior Class some ten years hence. Bryon informed me that he is a coach at Stubblefield High School near Greenbrier, Arkansas and his basketball team had won first in the state that year. I was very surprised when he told me he was still single, but he said he was engaged to a girl in Texas.

Then I spied Mary Butts talking to a lieutenant in the Air Corps. Later I found out he was the boy she had been engaged to during the latter part of her high school day, Omer Creech, and that they are living in Rantoul, as he is stationed at Chanute. They have one child, Maureen, who is learning to be a professional ballet dancer, and as soon as Omer receives a discharge they are going to go with Maureen on a tour of Europe.

Don Creighton was also there. He is one of the most prosperous bankers in Chicago and has married a beautiful fan dancer, known in night club circles as "Daring Daisy, the Dancing Dolly."

Evelyn Parker, the well-known writer and critic, was unable to attend the reunion as she had to christen a battleship named the "U.S.S. Armstrong." She has just received the Pulitzer Prize of 1956 for her brilliant piece of work, "Stomach-Ache Jake."

## Prophecy - 2

Richard Early is the manager of a large department store which is famous for its escalator service. He said this service operates on the principle of the well-known magic rug of Aladdin's conjuring. Many people, including Dick, have become lost in their imagination for days.

James Grider was there to. He has founded the now-famous Modeling agency in New York, called "Grider's Girls." Many of his top-flight models have thrown his establishment over for a fling in Hollywood. He was sued for "breach of promise" by one of his favorite models, the beautiful 'Choo-Choo 'Twain. Now his motto is "If you want a model wife, don't marry a model."

All of a sudden, I recognized Imogene Owens' laughter. I went over to where she was and we had a very interesting conversation. She is married to a childhood sweetheart, Johnny Swick, of Rankin, and they now have three little "Swicks" running around. Imy is an excellent homemaker and has won first prize last year on her dill pickles which she exhibited at the state fair.

Just then a huge limousine drove up, the chauffeur stepped out and opened the door, and a tall, blonde young man and a very sophisticated young lady sprang from the car. We all crowded around to see who it was, and we were very surprised when we saw it was Clarence Busboom and his wife. It seems he runs a salt factory near Salt Lake City, Utah and has struck it rich. He calls it "Buzz's Salt Works" and specializes in block salt for cattle.

Then I saw a young lady with a very extravagant hair-do, which all of the girls had been admiring. It was Lois Meitzler, of course. She is the proprietor of the famous "Lois's Beauty Shop" in Hollywood where many of the actresses frequently come. Even Jack Benny drops in occasionally to have his toupee redone. She has married a former graduate of A.T.H.S., and they live a very quiet life.

Betty McConnell was also there. She flew east from California where she is now appearing as a chorus girl at Billy Roses "Diamond Horseshoe." She gets many encores on her never-to-be-equalled jitterbugging.

Wayne Brown is a politician to end all politics. He was unable to be there as he is making a campaign tour in the southern states. His platform is: (1) All politicians are crooks. (2) Do it yourself, or take the rap. (3) Safety education in driving for the younger individuals. It seems he was married to a former Bismarck girl, but is now divorced.

Bernadine Early was standing by the swimming pool and I came up to her and began talking. She said she

is teaching ball room dancing at Miami Beach Florida. She said she likes it just fine but some times becomes disgusted with the weather in Florida. She often wishes it would blizzard there as it did back in Armstrong. She is married to a play boy named Ronnie Richards who is the heir to a million-dollar mouse trap factory.

Marylou James was not there as she and her riding troop had an engagement to appear with Gene Autrey in Madison Square Garden. Marylou owns the much talked about horse, "Smoky, the Wonder Horse." However, she sent her best regards to the class and invited us all to attend her future wedding. I think her fiance is a former sailor.

I wandered over to a shade tree where a small group was talking. There I saw Hardin James. He has been voted the bobby soxers' favorite bandleader of 1956. His band "James' Jiving Jitterbugs", is at present making a tour of the United States, and Helen Holt his wife, is his featured soloist. They make their home in Reno, Nevada, where they have a private little "band" of four children-----all boys.

After completing her college education, Norma Plotner became a teacher in the Home Economic Department at the University of Illinois. She and her husband, Bob Davis were at the reunion and I had quite an interesting chat with them. It seems Bob was an Ag. instructor at the U. of I. when they met(?). They are now quietly living in Champaign, where Bob is secretly experimenting with a device to keep semi-trucks from breaking down.

Allan Carlson was there with his charming wife and little four year old daughter. It seems he won the Sweepstakes in 1955 and is still living in glory and wealth. In his leisure moments he is perfecting a new type of fire alarm. Upon discovering a fire, a button plays a record at the firestation, "Fireman, Save My Child!", at the same time it gives the location of the fire.

Ray Buck also was unable to attend. He was in Hollywood making a picture entitled "Days at A.T.H.S." He is to the girls of '56 what Van Johnson was to the girls of '46. He wrote home and said he thought his life was rather full in Hollywood; he plans to soon retire and come home to Penfield, where exciting things happen once in a while.

Finally, it was time for lunch and I sat next to Peggy Meitzler who is a famous globe trotting reporter. She told me many exciting things about her work. I have heard it said that she has uncovered more spy rings, averted more inter-national crisis, and gained the confidence of more kings than any other one person

in journalistic history.

After the delicious lunch was finished and everything all packed away, we had a lot of fun chatting and visiting with our old friends. Alice Jean Buck informed me that she has forsaken marriage for a career. She is an assistant to the chief doctor at the Lone Lake Hospital in Dallas, Texas, and she is the only person in the world who can make people take castor oil and like it. Of course, she often gets bored with just plain nursing; therefore at night she is the cigarette girl at the "Hubba Hubba Night Club" in down town Dallas.

Then I discovered Ruby Booher talking to another girl about famous composers. I overheard her say that her favorite composer is Tschaikowsky and that she simply loves his "Chant Sans Parotes". Naturally I was curious and immediately asked her when she had gained such knowledge of classical (long-haired) music. She told me that in 1948 she had taken a correspondence course in music and made such a success of it that she was asked to play for the President and the First Lady. She now is the director of the Philadelphia Symphonic Orchestra but in her spare time she composes jive music for the jitterbugs. She has just composed the new hit, "The Hepcats are Howling Tonight."

Suddenly I saw a girl wearing a very elaborate dress with elbow length white gloves and a huge, flower-decked hat. Why it was Ruth Rose! She had just been chosen one of the ten best dressed women in the United States, and I later learned she designs and makes all of her own dresses. She has dressmaking establishments in Hollywood, Chicago, New York, and Miami Beach. The famous designer, Adrian, has tried to commit suicide twice as she is taking most of his business away from him.

Lois Hilleary was there, too. After graduating from Normal, she taught the 7th and 8th grades at "Lone Oak" Grove near Olympia, Washington for about three years. She then became interested in photography and travelled to Africa to take pictures of the wild life there. Most of the pictures were very unusual and they were edited in the "Royal Purple." Then, with the proceeds she endeavored to satisfy her secret ambition, and now has everybody behind the eight ball, owning a chain of pool halls over the state.

Gene Howell got his start at A.T.H.S. running the movie machine; he is now a famous producer in Hollywood. He owns a beautiful home in Beverly Hills and has married a girl who starred in his first picture, Lana La-maar. On the sidelines, he specializes in a certain solution which is supposed to make hair grow and his

wind-blown bobs are the talk of the land. At present he is sailing to the Hawaiian Islands in order to try out some Hula girls for his next picture. However he calls it a pleasure trip instead of a business trip.

LaVonne Smith was there dressed in a very trim suit and looking very much a business woman. She told me she has a position as private secretary to the president of the "Coldwater, Coldwell and Calhoun Paint Brush Factory" located at Buffalo, New York. She said that she enjoys her work very much, and that she and her boss are going to be married just as soon as his wife gets a divorce. I really shouldn't tell this, but just last summer LaVonne won a state-wide tiddle-winks tournament and spent all the proceeds on exterminating cockroaches in the neighborhood restaurants. You see, she is a great humanitarium.

Don Curtis was standing near his car, talking to a tall, platinum blonde girl. He had introduced her as Janie Jennings and said that she was his soloist at the "Argon Club" in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He said it is a very elaborate place and that people come from miles around just to get a glimpse of it.

As I talked with the members of the class, some of them became inquisitive about my experiences. I was glad to admit that my dreams had been fulfilled. For the past few years, I have been private secretary to the UNO president. But my office work has become my homework for I recently married Percy Oscar Hepplewhite the Australian representative, in an effort to cement American-Australian relations.

Then I saw a young man reading a book called, Sense and Sensibility. It was Mike Buck who had just won world wide fame when he published his famous trilogy, "The Three Crochet Hooks," "The Three Needles," "The Three Pins." In 1951 he had been the United States Ambassador to Holland, but he soon resigned his office as he got tired of wearing wooden shoes.

You have all heard of the famous magazine, "Yank". Well, John Bickers is trying to duplicate it, with a new magazine he is publishing called "Jerk". All of the other publishers think the title just fits him perfectly. John is also the head salesman and he gets many of his ads by the simple methods of twisting their wrists.

Suddenly I looked at my watch. It was after four-thirty and everyone was bidding goodbye to each other. Gee, it had been a wonderful day; a day I would never forget.

Well, that was the end of my dream. All of the kids were so impressed by it that we wrote it down and decided to try to remember to see if it all came true.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Class of 1946

We, the intellectual and loyal members of the Senior Class of '46 of Armstrong Township High School, County of Vermilion, State of Illinois, Continent of North America, upon our long awaited exit, do hereby declare this to be our last Will and Testament.

### Article I

To Mr. Laurence, our beloved principal, we will a huge bottle of Kolor-Bac to help remedy the gray hairs that we have put in his head.

To Margaret, we will our "Shorty" Senior boys and our excellent behavior in study hall as compared to that of the Freshmen.

To Mrs. Cotton, we will our knowledge of Home Ec as we are sure she'll need it badly in the forthcoming year. (P.S. Also a dictionary emphasizing the word "Disastrous").

To Miss Hemp, we hereby wish a happy married life in the near future to that certain somebody. The poor milkman lost out!!!

To Mr. Coffey, we will our super elegant speaking voices for his frequent talks during pep sessions, as well as an undefeated basketball team for next year.

To Lindy, we will our young ideas and appearances, a first division band in the state contests, and a new song entitled "Some Sunday Morning".

To Mr. Axtell, we will a complete album of the latest recorded Boogy-Woogy music, and two dozen films for his new candid camera.

To Miss Gouty, we will a grand new swimming pool, complete with a handsome, "eligible" life guard----in payment of the long trying hours she has had to put up with us.

To Mrs. Philippo, we will all of our laughter and smiles for next year's classes. Believe us, she will certainly need them!

## Last Will and Testament--2

To Mr. Evans, we will a "rousing" new group of Ag members. They will have to go some to beat this years! Also we leave him a brand new alto horn to croon his baby to sleep.

To John Dunlap, we will a new set of "light-weight" brooms, and a new fender for his car. We wonder what happened to the old one.

### Article III

I, Evelyn Parker, in spite of all my talents, refuse to will anything. Oh, I forgot--I guess I will leave my frequent little quarrels with a certain red head to Thelma Smith.

I, John Bickers, will my hot rhythm on the drums, my ability to spell (?), and my flaming red hair to Tony Ellis.

I, Ruby Booher, will my lovely dark hair and my "come hither" dark eyes to blonde Caroline Frericks. Also my love for making ten minute speeches in sociology to Norma Weihard.

I, Wayne Brown, will my "witty" little jokes and my love for Bismarck to Phil Brown. Could it be he has a secret heart interest there?

I, Alice Buck, will my extreme interest in the Ludwig clan to my cousin Jean Buck. Take good care of them, Jean!!!

I, Evelyn Ann Barr, will my slim waistline, and weak knees to Evelyn Holt.

I, Raymond Buck, will my quiet ways, my favorite song "Margie", and my ability to be manager of the basketball team to Jim Chambliss. Good Luck, Jim.

I, Clarence Busboom, will my beautiful blonde hair, my love of baseball, and my eagerness to drive "Miles" to Charles Goff.

I, Mary Butts, will my love of diamond rings, and my extreme interest in Chanute Field to Mildred Olson.

## Last Will and Testament--3

I, Allen Carlson, will my quiet manners, my secret girlfriend's picture from Milford, and my favorite recording of "The Girl I Left Behind Me" to Jack Sharpf.

I, Donovan Creighton, will my careful driving, my keen sense of humor, and my love for school (??) to Joe Marron.

I, Donald Curtis, will my interest in sophomore girls, my bookkeeping blues and my "always to have a good time" slogan to Bernard Mooney. Hope he lives it down!

I, Robert Davis, will my basketball and baseball abilities, my friendliness, and my undying interest in Norma Plotner to Eldred Cornelius.

I, Bernadine Early, will my beautiful long, red hair, my likeable personality, and my charming manners to anyone that wants them. Don't rush so, kids!!

I, Richard Early, my favorite motto being, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you go to school", will my high grades in bookkeeping to Clarence Tate. I copied from good sources.

I, James Grider, will my athletic abilities, my dark wavy hair, my ability to work and cooperate in all school activities, and my habit of changing girlfriends every week to Zeke Curtis. He goes too steady.

I, Lois Hilleary, will my skill in volley ball, my likeable personality, and my way with the Lone Oaks crowd to Sarah Shumate. I'm sure you'll like them, Sarah. The Lone Oaks crowd, I mean.

I, Gene Howell, will my love for Latin (????), my faithful Ford, and my adeptness at running the movie machine to Wilbur Creighton. Be sure and don't break the film, Web.

I, Hardin James, will my beloved saxophone, my athletic ability, and extreme fondness, to say the least, for a certain Senior girl residing in the No. 10 community to Bill Cremeens.

Last Will and Testament--4

I, Marylou James, will my now famous horse, my hobby of trick riding, and my love for the Navy to Donna Hanson. Smooth Sailing!!

I, Betty McConnell, will my pretty dark eyes and curly lashes, my cheerleading and tap dancing ability, and my adoration for a certain sailor stationed on the West Coast to Marylou Miller.

I, Lois Meitzler, will my pleasant disposition, my pretty blue eyes, and my ability "to have and to hold" graduates of old ATHS to Ann Mooney.

I, Peggy Meitzler, will my ability as a cheerleader, my streamliness, and my ability to break certain boy's hearts to Joan Cox.

I, Imogene Owens, will my incurable giggles, my diamond ring, and my fondness for a handsome Rankin boy to Annabel Collins.

I, Norma Plotner, will my high scholastic record, and my "heart-warming" interest in Collison to Bernice Putman.

I, Ruth Rose, will my good taste for clothes, my fondness for keeping the library, and my never-ending seriousness to Doris Firebaugh.

I, LaVonne Smith, will my smallness, my quiet disposition, and my A's in American History tests to Willa Knight. Hope you can use them, Willa.

I, Byron Wise, will my love for physics (That's a joke, son), my fondness for sports, and my good behavior in the library to Sherman James and Pete Welshire. May they prove to be as mannerly and well-liked by librarians as I.

I, Mike Buck, will my interest in all girls, especially a certain little Armstrong cheerleader, to Edward Freese.

## Last Will and Testament--5

I, Helen Holt, will my front seat in assembly, my scholastic ability, and love for a dark-haired Senior, to Norma Butts.

We, the Senior Class of '46, will our sincere appreciation and eternal gratitude to Mrs. Cotton and Mr. Laurence, our class advisors, for the help they have so generously given us.

This last will and testament was written, witnessed, and published on the 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-six in the presence of:

Written by  
Evelyn Ann Barr

Van Johnson  
Lana Turner  
Joseph Cotten

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### SENIOR OFFICERS

Left to right--Mrs. Cotton, John Bickers, Evelyn Barr, Mary Butts, Betty McConnell, Mr. Laurence

### HONOR GROUP

Standing--John Bickers, Gene Howell

Seated--Norma Plotner, Helen Holt, Evelyn Barr,  
Mary Butts

### ANNUAL STAFF

Seated--G. Howell, N. Plotner, R. Rose, Mrs. Cotton, B. Davis

Standing 1st. row--P. Meitzler, C. Busboom, R. Booher, J. Bickers, B. Early, M. Buck, L. Smith, B. Wise

2nd. row--H. Holt, A. Buck, B. McConnell, L. Hileary, H. James, J. Grider, E. Davis, L. Meitzler, E. Barr, I. Owens, M. Butts





### IN APPRECIATION

We wish to show our appreciation to Mrs. Cotton, Mr. Laurance, and the remaining Faculty and the Students for their grand cooperation in helping us publish the 1946 "Resume."

We sincerely hope that this year's Annual fulfills the ideals and goals of those who first selected the name and published Volume I of the "Resume". We hope you will be pleased with it.

"RESUME" STAFF

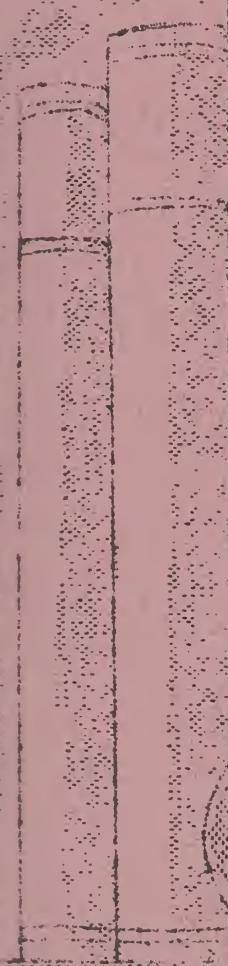
## SENIOR SNAPSHOTS

1. "Cuddles Mike and Dick"
2. Editor Ruth
3. "Town Twins"
4. Hold'em, John
5. "Contentment"
6. "Sophisticated Seniors?"
7. "Take me out to the ballgame"
8. Marylou, Helen, Imogene.
9. "Gruesome Sixsome"
10. What's Buzzin', "Buzzy"?
11. Marylou, Imogene
12. "Come out fighting!"
13. The "Big" Four!
14. Bob, Gene, Hardin.
15. Helen
16. "Collisionites"
17. Norma and Bob
18. Mrs. Cotton
19. Three Bum Steers
20. Professor Curtis
21. Early age Evelyn
22. Prof. Laurence
23. Sweetness and One Sucker
24. "Red"
25. Her first love
26. Lil' Lois
27. "Double Trouble"
28. Alma Mater
29. D. A. R. Girl Norma
30. "Pickles Hardin"
31. Happy Go Lucky, Evelynne Parker





CLASSE





## JUNIOR HISTORY

On a sunny September day in 1943 a large class entered Armstrong to start their high school education. They elected the following officers: President --- Barbara Ellett, Vice-President - Jimmy Chambliss, Secretary - Loyal Davis, Treasurer - Louis Morris, Student Council --- Marjorie Criblez, Class Advisor - Mr. Garvin.

A party was held for them at Potomac park and a Christmas party was successfully put over.

As Sophomores they came back with a much smaller class. The officers elected were: President -- Jimmy Chambliss, Vice-President - Joyce Green, Secretary and Treasurer - Charles Goff, Student Council - Loyal Davis and Betty McConnell, and Class Advisor - Mr. Searles.

Their Junior year, a still smaller group, returned and their class officers were as follows: President -- Willa Knight, Vice-President - Loyal Davis, Secretary - Barbara Ellett, Treasurer --- Clarence Tate, Student Council - Joyce Green, Marjorie Criblez, Phil Brown, and Jimmy Chambliss, Class Advisors --- Mr. Axtell and Miss Hemp.

As one of the activities, the Juniors sold magazine subscriptions. The sale total was \$579.25, and their goal was set at \$600. High salesman was Loyal Davis, with Willa Knight second. The Juniors and Seniors also put on a carnival to make money this year.

The Juniors have ordered their class rings and are very anxious to get them. They have also chosen Senior invitations.

The highlight of the year was the Jr.-Sr. banquet which was held in May.

### JUNIOR CLASS

Top Row--Left to Right--D. Hanson, W. Knight, J. Greene, C. Frerichs, J. Early, L. Bunting, M. Welschire

Second Row--S. Cundiff, E. Parsons, B. Elliot, L. Kitts, L. Reynolds, M. Criblez.

Bottom Row--Miss Hemp, B. Mooney, C. Tate, C. Goff  
L. Davis, P. Brown, J. Chambliss

### JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Left to Right--C. Tate, W. Knight, B. Ellett, Miss Hemp, Advisor.

### MUSIC CONTESTANTS

Left to Right--J. Ludwig, J. Ludwig, E. Holt, J. Bickers, H. James, W. Knight, H. Holt





### FRESHMAN HISTORY

In the fall of 1945 a group of students entered Armstrong High for their first year.

One of the first things was the election of class officers, and they were: President --Jack Ludwig, Vice President--Doris Firebaugh, Secretary--Marie Buck, Treasurer--Dorothy Millis, Student Council-Jean Buck and Bill Reynolds, Class Advisor--Mrs. Lindgren.

Events of the year have been a weiner roast at Potomac Park, and a Christmas party.

### SOPHOMORE HISTORY

In 1944 a large class entered Armstrong High. The class elections were held and the following officers were chosen: President--Jake Ludwig, Vice President--Iris Heckerson, Secretary--John Dukes, Treasurer--Don Davis, Student Council--Paul Curtis, Class Advisor--Mrs. Philippo.

A weiner roast was held at Potomac, and with the help of the Freshmen a Christmas party was put on.

Then the following year the Sophomores came back to A.T.H.S. with renewed vigor. They elected the following officers: President --Jake Ludwig, Vice President---Paul Curtis, Secretary--Evelyn Holt, Treasurer--Glen Davis, Student Council--Iris Heckerson and Jack Sharpf, Class Advisor--Mr. Coffey.

## SOPHOMORE CLASS

1st row: Mr. Coffey, Advisor, M. Curtis, D. Reynolds, J. Marron, J. Ludwig, H. Busboom, P. Curtis, B. Haymaker, W. Creighton.

2nd row: S. Shumate, I. Heckerson, J. McElwee, M. Olson, D. Miles, J. Cox, D. Staley, B. Ellis, W. Plotner, T. Smith.

3rd row: L. Schutz, D. Hilleary, C. Suver, C. Sharp, A. Miller, R. Early, A. Collins, E. Holt, N. Weinard, R. Downing.

4th row: A. McElwee, D. Webber, A. Ackerman, R. Cundiff, J. Sharpf, B. Creemones, E. Freese, J. Schutz, R. Gilkison, G. Davis.

## SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

Seated: Jake Ludwig, Evelyn Holt

Standing: Mr. Coffey, Advisor, G. Davis, P. Curtis

## FRESHMAN OFFICERS

Seated: Marie Buck, Jack Ludwig

Standing: Mrs. Lindgren, Advisor, D. Firebaugh, D. Millis

## FRESHMAN CLASS

1st row: N. Butts, B. Putnam, T. Allen, C. Laflen, J. Ludwig, B. Kinney, A. Mooney, Mrs. Lindgren, Advisor

2nd row: B. Buck, E. Huls, D. Roberts, R. Erven, J. Barr, T. Ellis, K. Welshire

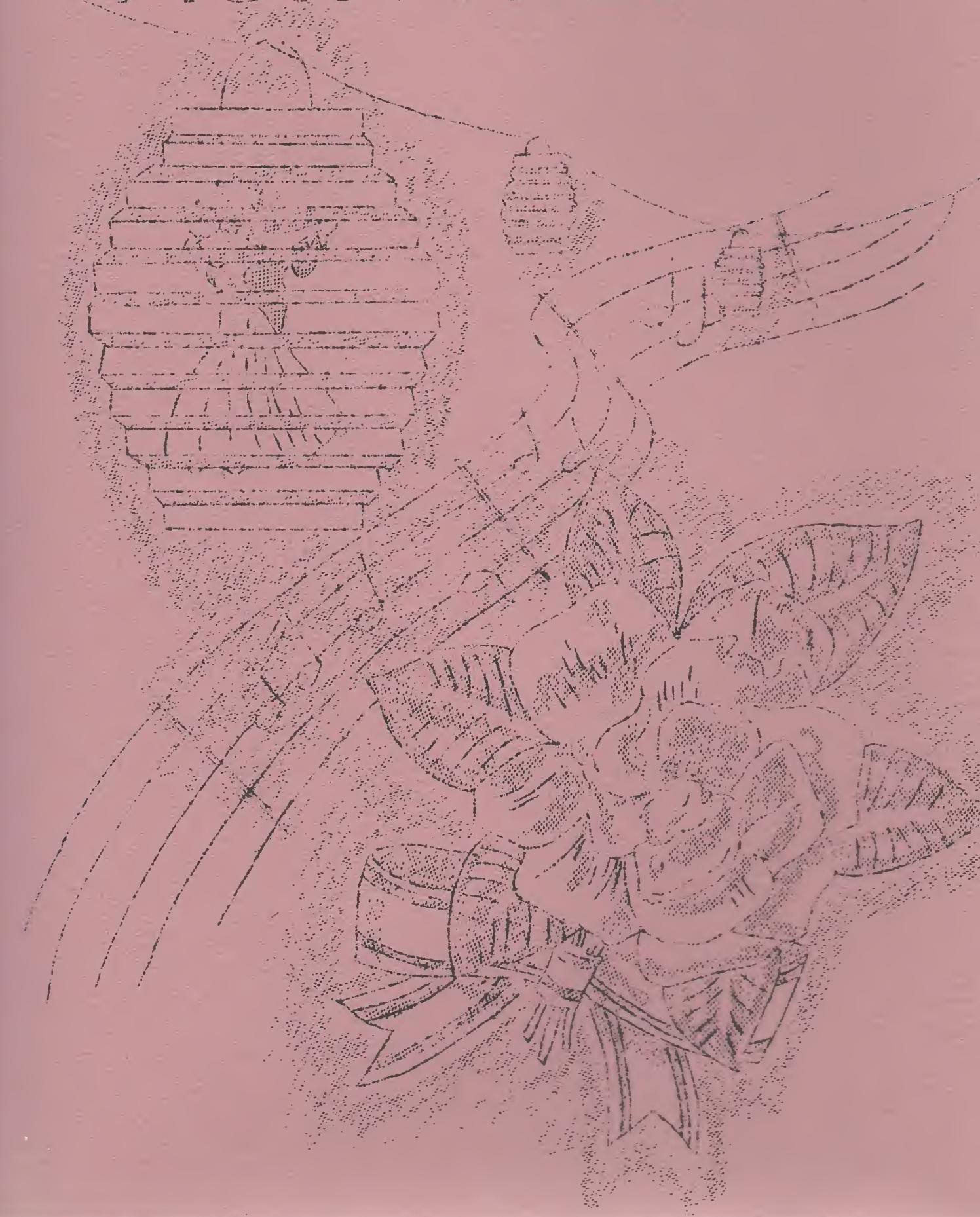
3rd row: D. Millis, J. Buck, T. Buck, P. Frye, D. Firebaugh, M. Webber, B. Mooney

4th row: B. Kirk, J. Nichols, S. James, G. Watson, D. Tate, B. Turner, B. Reynolds, A. Hoveln, L. Cade





# ACTIVITIES





## HOME EC CLUB

The F.H.A. Chapter organized last fall with a membership of 46 girls. Officers elected were as follows:

President - Evelyn Ann Barr  
Vice Pres.- Bernadine Early  
Secretary - Helen Holt  
Treasurer - Norma Plotner  
Program Chairman - Willa Knight

As a means of making money, the girls sold refreshments at ball games, and sponsored mixers. Cake walks and dancing provided the entertainment.

Just recently the Home Ec. Club united to form the Future Homemakers of America. F.H.A. pins, the national emblem, have been ordered.

The goal toward which all members worked was a trip to Chicago which was scheduled for late spring.

## HOME EC CLUB

1st. row: R. Early, J. Early, W. Knight, H. Holt  
E. Barr, Miss Hemp, Advisor, B. Early, N. Plotner  
R. Booher, L. Hilleary

2nd. row: N. Butts, M. James, S. Shumate, B. El-  
lett, W. Plotner, E. Holt, I. Heckerson, J. Cox  
M. Butts, M. Criblez, A. Mooney

3rd. row: M. Webber, D. Firebaugh, D. Hilleary  
B. Putnam, I. Owens, A. Collins, L. Kitts, L.  
Schutz, B. Kinney, P. Meitzler, E. Downing

4th. row: B. McConnell, A. Miller, P. Frye, R.  
Rose, T. Buck, J. Greene, J. Buck, L. Meitzler,  
D. Millis, A. Buck, D. Miles

## STUDENT COUNCIL

1st row: H. James, M. Criblez, Mr. Laurence, Ad-  
visor, J. Grider, N. Plotner, P. Brown, H. Holt

2nd. row: I. Heckerson, B. Reynolds, J. Green  
J. Sharpf, J. Buck, J. Chambliss

## F. F. A.

Seated Mr. Evans, Advisor, H. James, L. Davis, J.  
Bickers, J. Ludwig, P. Brown, E. Davis

First row standing A. Hovelin, B. Turner, C. Goff  
R. Buck, J. Scharpf, E. Freese, G. Howell, S.  
James

Second Row B. Mooney, D. Staley, J. Ludwig, B.  
Mooney, M. Busboom, J. Marron, C. Laflen, D. Rob-  
erts, J. Barr





## F. F. A.

There are twenty-six members in the F. F. A. This year officers were elected in May, 1945. Those elected were as follows--

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| President: | John Bickers |
| Vice Pres: | Loyal Davis  |
| Secretary: | Hardin James |
| Treasurer: | Jake Ludwig  |
| Reporter : | Phil Brown   |
| Adviser :  | Mr. Evans    |

There were eleven Green Hands admitted to the Club at the initiation in October; Tony Ellis and Bob Parrish joined the Club in January.

The major activity of the year was a Father and Son Banquet which was given Tuesday, March 5. Other activities of the F. F. A. have included a repeat performance by V-Roy, the Magician who had entertained A. T. H. S. in 1944; and participation, by Jake Ludwig and Ed Freese, in the F. F. A. Speech Contest held in June.

Since Mr. Evans assumed the duties of the Agriculture Department the second semester, he has advised the F. F. A. the latter part of the year.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council officers that were elected for 1945-1946 were as follows: President, Jim Grider; Norma Plotner, Secretary and Treasurer. The members were as follows: Iris Heckerson, Jack Sharpf, Bill Reynolds, Phil Brown, Joyce Green, Hardin James, Helen Holt, Marjorie Criblez, and Jean Buck.

The year was started by the Student Council sponsoring a Freshman Party to welcome the Freshmen to A.T.H.S. At Christmas time the Freshmen and Sophomores were requested to sponsor the Christmas Party. The party was carried out in a fine way. The A.T.H.S. also took part in the U.S.O. contributions.

## D.A. R. AWARD

Every year the Senior class selects three girls from the class and the faculty chooses one of the three to receive the award given by the Daughters of American Revolution. This award is merited on the basis of extra curricular activities, citizenship, and scholastic standing. This year Norma Plotner received the award for her activities in speech, band, glee club, dramatics, Home Ec. Club, Student Council, Newspaper Staff, and is a member of the Senior Honor group and of the Senior Annual Staff.

## PAPER STAFF

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Editor-----         | Helen Holt   |
| Assit. Editor-----  | Allen Carlson  |
| Sports-----         | Jim Chambliss  |
| Home Ec. Club-----  | Catherine Buck   |
| Art-----            | C. Buck, Jr. Nichols   |
| Music-----          | Hardin James   |
| English-Speech----- | Norma Plotner  |
| Movies-----         | Gene Howell  |
| Science-----        | D. Firebaugh, J. Bickers, B. Kinney  |
| F. F. A.-----       | Phil Brown   |
| Agriculture-----    | Jake Ludwig  |
| Alumni-----         | J. Greene, L. Davis  |
| Gossip-----         | Everybody  |
| Grade School-----   | Ronnie Meitzler  |
| Typists-----        | J. Greene, L. Davis, A. Carlson,<br>D. Meitzler, B. Early, C. Tate,<br>H. Holt |
| Advisor-----        | Miss Gouty   |

## HONOR GROUP

This year seven seniors were named to the Honor Group. In order to be in the Honor Group, the students must have maintained at least a 4.0 or "B" average over four years. Those of the graduating class of "46" who have maintained such an average are as follows: Evelyn Barr, Helen Holt, Norma Plotner, Gene Howell, Mary Butts, and John Bickers.

Helen Holt was Valedictorian and Evelyn Barr, Salutatorian, of the graduating class of "46".

## PAPER STAFF

Seated: A. Carlson, Miss Gouty, Advisor, H. Holt,  
H. James, J. Greene

Standing: D. Firebaugh, J. Chambliss, G. Howell,  
E. Parker, J. Ludwig, J. Bickers, J. Nichols, L.  
Davis, N. Plotner, P. Brown, R. Buck, B. Kinney,  
D. Roberts

## GIRLS' PHYSICAL ED

1st. row: S. Shumate, D. Hanson, I. Heckerson, E.  
Downing, D. Miles, M. Butts, W. Plotner, S. Cun-  
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2nd. row: D. Hilleary, C. Sharp, C. Frericks, L.  
Bunting, L. Hilleary, B. Early, C. Frericks, J.  
Early, E. Barr, J. Greene

3rd. row: N. Butts, A. Mooney, M. James, M. Wel-  
shire, Mrs. Lindgren, A. Collins, L. Kitts, H  
Holt, T. Smith

4th. row: L. Schutz, E. Parsons, M. Olson, E.  
Holt, P. Meitzler, M. Criblez, L. Smith, N. Wie-  
nard, J. Cox, L. Reynolds, B. Putnam

5th. row: N. Plotner, D. Firebaugh, D. Millis, M.  
T. Buck, A. Miller, J. Buck, A. Buck, P. Frye, W.  
Knight, B. Kinney, I. Owens, C. Suver

## AG II

Seated: J. Ludwig, B. Parrish, B. Cremeens, J. Mc  
Elwee, E. Freese, B. Haymaker, D. Staley

Standing: J. Sharpf, A. McElwee, J. Marron, Mr.  
Evans, D. Reynolds





## CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Story of Christmas was portrayed in a Christmas Cantata given on January 4. Even though it was given a few days late, due to weather conditions, the true spirit of Christmas prevailed and the whole performance was enjoyed and appreciated by all those attending, as well as those participating. The chorus was composed of Boys' Glee Club, Girls' Glee Club, and Mixed Glee Club. The Guest Soloists were Helen Havener, Mrs. Keith Blackford, Mrs. Frank Fisher, Morton Fowler, Omer Creech, and Gene Davis. The Semi-Chorus was composed of the guest Soloists, assisted by Robert Bass, Charles Cannon, and two Glee Club members.

Readings by Mrs. A. L. Cotton were illustrated by colored slides, adding another touch of beauty. Mrs. A. F. Lawrence was the accompanist and Mrs. Evelyn Lindgren was director.

Two decorated Christmas trees, a few holly wreathes, and colored roping furnished Christmas decorations to the stage. Added color was given by the girls' formals and the boys' dark suits and white shirts. All of this created an effective scene for the story of Christmas.

### GIRLS GLEE CLUB

First Row--L. Schutz, H. Holt, W. Plotner, D. Hanson, Mrs. Lindgren, I. Heckerson, M. Butts, S. Shumate, N. Butts

Second Row--B. Putnam, E. Parker, A. Collins, D. Millis, E. Holt, D. Hilleary, C. Suver, B. Kinney M. Welshire

Third Row--E. Downing, N. Weinard, D. Miles, R. Early, A. Buck, W. Knight, N. Plotner, M. Olson, P. Frye

Fourth Row--D. Firebaugh, B. McConnell, E. Barr, J. Greene, C. Frerichs, C. Frerichs, R. Booher, V. Bunting, R. Rose, L. Hilleary, C. Sharp

### BOYS GLEE CLUB

Top Row--Left to Right--B. Gilkison, J. Schutz, G. Howell, B. Parrish, C. Goff, E. Freese, J. Bickers L. Davis, H. James, A. Ackerman.

Middle Row--D. Ellis, D. Roberts, R. Ervin, J. Ludwig, J. Marron, C. Laflen, V. Staley, J. McElwee, J. Barr.

Bottom Row--D. Curtis, M. Busboom, B. Reynolds, S. James, Mrs. Lindgren, D. Webber, A. McElwee, J. Nichols, J. Ludwig.

### BAND AND BATON

First Row--E. Holt, J. Ludwig, W. Plotner, P. Frye E. Barr, C. Suver, N. Plotner, L. Schutz, R. Erven L. Davis, J. Ludwig

Second Row--T. Smith, D. Firebaugh, L. Smith, A. Miller, C. Goff, M. Busboom, E. Freese, M. James, T. Buck, B. Kinney, W. Creighton, J. Bickers, Mrs. Lindgren, H. James, W. Knight, H. Holt, C. Laflen J. Barr, T. Allen

Third Row--A. Mooney, J. Buck, M. Webber, B. Ellet P. Meitzler, A. Collins, E. Downing, N. Butts





## BAND

The Armstrong High School Band participated in many events this year. The Band played marches, overtures, and popular music. It consisted of twenty-nine members and was directed by Mrs. Evelyn Lindgren.

Most of the home basketball games were livened up by the numbers which the Band played. The "Star Spangled Banner," with the spotlight on the flag, and some solos were featured by the Band.

To help out at the various churches, at Christmas time, the Band played Christmas Carols and featured trios and quartets.

To add to the atmosphere of the Christmas Cantata at the High School the Band played a selection of Christmas Carols.

To finish up the year's activities the Band competed in the district music contest, April 6.

## BATON

The Baton class consisted of eleven girls, five of them beginners and the other six with some previous experience from the years before.

The girls have accomplished a variety of twirls, from the simple ones to some very difficult. They started from the simple wrist twirl and worked up to the toss-ups and the very tricky finger-twirls.

The majorettes worked during the year and exhibited their skills on the gym floor at the home basketball games. They twirled to marches played by the Band.

## MUSIC CONTEST

The District Music Contest for Solos and ensembles was held at Watseka March 2, 1946.

The A. T. H. S. Contestants were:

Jack Ludwig-----Clarinet Solo

Jake Ludwig-----Trumpet Solo

John Bickers-----Vocal Solo

Willa Knight-----Vocal Solo  
Tenor Saxophone Solo  
Saxophone Quartet

Helen Holt-----Saxophone Solo  
Saxophone Quartet

Evelyn Holt-----Vocal Solo  
Clarinet Solo

Hardin James----Saxophone Solo  
Saxophone Quartet

The first place winners were Jack Ludwig and Hardin James. The winners will go to the Sectional Contest at Peoria, May 4, 1946. The rest of the contestants placed second.

The District Contest, also at Watseka, for Band and Glee Clubs was held April 6, Armstrong entered Band, Boys' Glee Club, Girls' Glee Club and Mixed Chorus.

The contestants received their first taste of contest work since the beginning of the war, and they found out how much work it takes to place in a contest. The contestants gained a great deal of knowledge from listening to other school's Glee Clubs and Bands participating in the contest. All Armstrong groups placed second in their division.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Sept. 3    | School Opened                      |
| Sept. 14   | Home Ec. Club Initiation Party     |
| Sept. 20   | Freshman Party                     |
| Sept. 20   | Teachers' Institute                |
| Oct. 11-12 | County Baseball Banquet            |
| Oct. 25    | Halloween Party                    |
| Oct. 30    | Senior Class to Champaign          |
| Nov. 3     | Armistice Day-Vacation             |
| Nov. 12    | Thanksgiving Vacation              |
| Nov. 22-23 | Talk by Sergeant Kelly             |
| Nov. 26    | Junior-Senior Carnaval             |
| Dec. 1     | Christmas Reading by Mr. Marshal   |
| Dec. 13    | Home Ec. Club Christmas Party      |
| Dec. 20    | Christmas Vacation                 |
| Dec. 21    | Christmas Cantata                  |
| Jan. 4     | Semester Examinations              |
| Jan. 14-15 | English IV Class to see King Lear  |
| Jan. 25    | Home Ec. Club Mixer                |
| Feb. 17-18 | U. of I. Tests for Juniors         |
| Feb. 12    | Vacation-Lincoln's Birthday        |
| Mar. 2     | District Music Contest             |
|            | F.F.A. Father-Son Banquet          |
| Mar. 9     | Band Frolic                        |
| Mar. 11    | Fresh.-Soph. Basketball Tournament |
| Mar. 18    | F.F.A. --V-Roy Show                |
| April 6    | District Music Contest             |
| May 3      | Home Ec. Club Mothers' Tea         |
| May 11     | Junior-Senior Banquet              |
| May 17     | Home Ec. Trip to Chicago           |
| May 26     | Baccalaureate                      |
| May 29     | Commencement                       |

## TYPING I

1st. row: front to back--L. Reynolds, M. Busboom,  
E. Parsons, Miss Gouty

2nd. row: front to back--E. Freese, A. Ackerman,  
B. Ellis, L. Kitts

3rd. row: front to back--Z. Curtis, P. Curtis, J.  
Early, D. Miles, S. Cundiff

4th row: front to back--M. Criblez, B. Parrish,  
B. Cundiff

## AMERICAN HISTORY

1st. row: G. Howell, W. Knight, A. Carlson, J.  
Chambliss, D. Curtis, E. Davis

2nd row: J. Bickers, B. Davis, N. Plotner, H. Holt  
M. James, I. Owens, M. Butts, Mrs. Cotton

3rd. row: L. Hilleary, L. Smith, E. Barr, P.  
Meitzler, R. Buck, M. Buck

4th. row: E. Parker, B. Early, R. Rose, A. Buck  
B. McConnell, L. Meitzler

## PHYSICS

1st. rows C. Goff, W. Brown, A. Carlson, B. Wise  
B. Davis, L. Davis, J. Bickers, Mr. Laurence

2nd. rows C. Busboom, H. James, G. Howell, J.  
Grider, J. Chambliss





## FRESHMAN PARTY

The Freshman class were guests of a party given them September 20th by the upper classes. The Freshman received their first taste of the Armstrong High School social life. Games were enjoyed by all including the members of the faculty. Since there was a mishap along the line some place, cheese and crackers, instead of hot dogs, were the refreshments. Nevertheless, everybody enjoyed his evening of entertainment very much.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the afternoon of Dec. 21, the entire student body met in the gym for the Christmas party, which was given by the Freshmen and Sophmore classes.

The tree was glittering with all colored ornaments, tinsel, colored lights, angel hair, and other decorations. Gifts were piled high all around the tree.

Everyone had a good time playing games on the gym floor. One group even won a box of candy.

Then everyone sat on the bleachers and sang Christmas Carols. As the crowd sang "Jingle Bells" Santa Claus appeared on the scene. He helped pass out the gifts. After everyone had unwrapped their gifts and showed them to their friends, cookies were passed out.

Everyone had a joyful afternoon and was ready to go home, for the Christmas Vacation had begun.

## HOME EC. I

1st, row--A. Mooney, D. Millis, J. Buck, P. Frye,  
M. Webber

2nd, row--N. Butts. B. Kinney, T. Buck, B. Putnam,  
D. Firebaugh, Miss Hemp

## BIOLOGY LAB

Left table, left row--B. Ellis, W. Creighton, G.  
Davis  
right row--P. Curtis, P. Brown, M. Busboom, Mr.  
Axtell

Right table, front row--S. Shumate, A. Miller, J.  
Cox

Back row--M. Butts, R. Rose, P. Meitzler

Right front table, left to right--A. Ackerman, B.  
Cundiff, B. Gilkison

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## CARNIVAL

On Saturday evening, Dec. 1, the Juniors and Seniors held the Carnival in the A. T. H. S. gym. It was a big event of the year and a large number of people turned out.

Everyone had a grand time playing Bingo, walking for a cake, and having his fortune told. Another main attraction of the evening was the horror house, where everyone wondered if he would come out alive. Almost everyone bought tickets on the poultry raffle, hoping to win "Oswald", the turkey, "Donald", the duck, or "Oscar", the chicken. Others shot baskets, threw balls and danced.

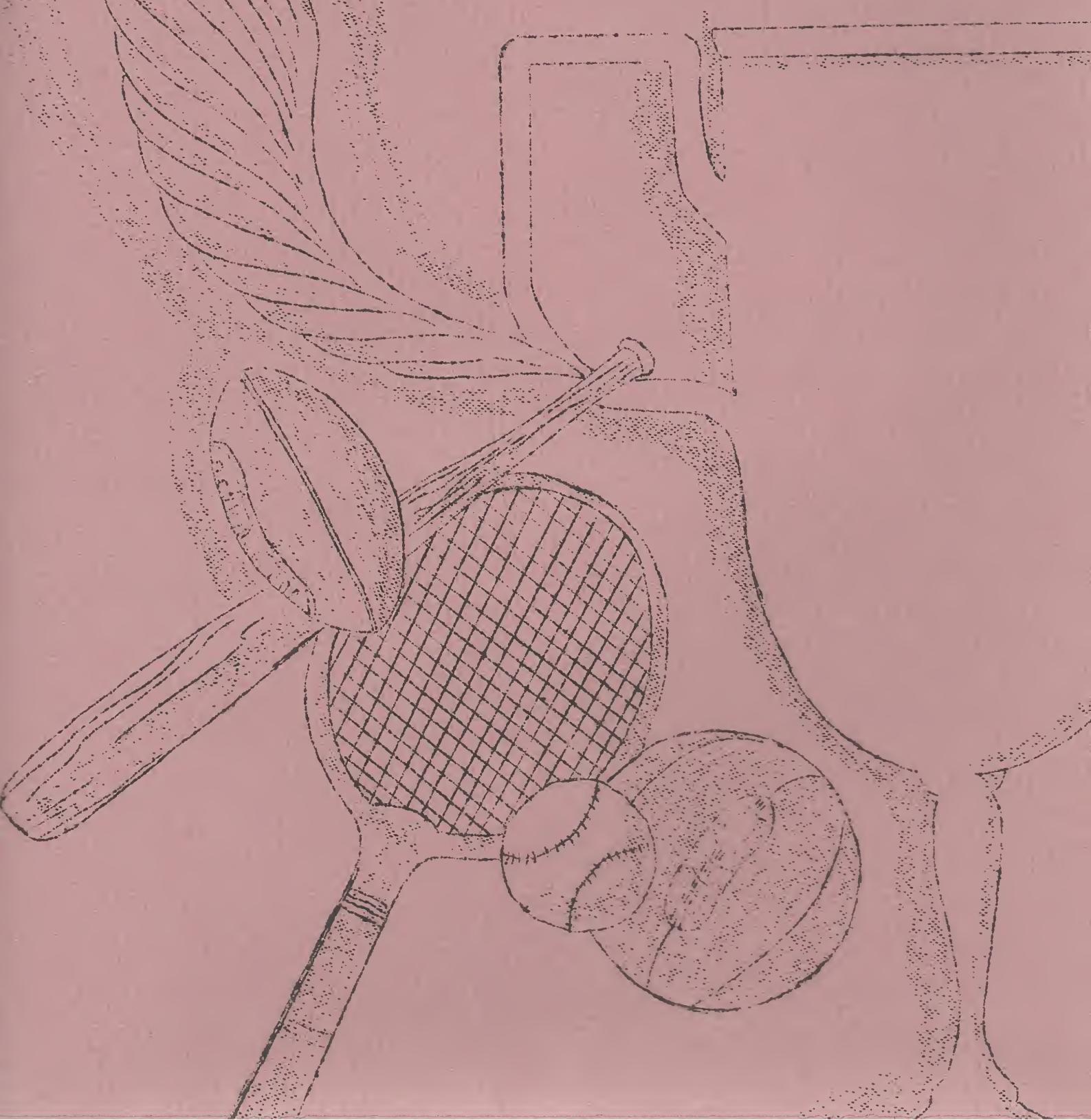
Everyone was obviously hungry, for the food stand was busy all evening.

The outstanding feature of the evening was the crowning of the Carnival King and Queen. Peggy Meitzler was the Queen and Wilbur Creighton was the King. Peggy was presented with a gorgeous bouquet of yellow Chrysanthemums and Wilbur received a box of candy.

The Juniors and Seniors brought in \$425; \$376 of this was net profit, which was divided evenly between the two classes. The Seniors are buying a score board with their money to leave to the school; the Juniors are keeping their money to pay for their annual next year.



# *Athletics*





## JUST A LITTLE TRIBUTE

Let's give a toast to the boys of the class of '46 who have participated in athletics during their days in A. T. H. S. These boys, who make up a large percentage of the first team in both basketball and baseball, have set no amazing records nor won any outstanding honors; but we who know them do not think of them as all-stars or "whiz kids". We think of them as the boys who are giving their best for their coach and their school in every game, whether they win or lose.

We, teammates and classmates, of these Seniors, will remember them for a word of encouragement to us when we have made a bad play in a tough spot. We only hope to do as fine a job when we take over where they will leave off. In the future we can take pride in saying, "Sure, I played on the same team with them."

Long after these boys have left this school, they will be remembered for their fighting team spirit, perseverance, and modesty; but above all, we will remember them for their respect for Coach Coffey and for trying to do as he wished for them to do. So, here's to the Seniors of the athletic squad--may their spirit live on to inspire future teams to give their best for dear Old Armstrong High.

--Jim Chambliss

## BASEBALL

The baseball season started off on the wrong foot. Armstrong lost its first two games by a two run margin. However, luck changed with the weather and A.T.H.S. took the next three games.

The players and crowd will probably always remember the game with Bismark because of the steady downpour which lasted for three innings.

However, the boys had stout hearts and came home victorious at the end of a wet four innings.

Although the team lost the first two games, the boys came back on a three game winning streak. They decided by mutual agreement with Rankin, an old rival, not to play up there this year due to the cold weather.

The major highlight of the season was on Oct. 25 the date of the Baseball banquet in which all seven schools in the Northern Vermillion County League took part. The evening was climaxed by the awarding of the championship trophy to Rankin.

## BASKETBALL

The Armstrong basketball team had a rather successful season; the boys won nine and lost twelve games. As usual they opened the season, meeting East Lynn and winning by a very narrow margin. A.T.H.S. won the next game and then went into a four game losing streak. When they came back with an irregular style of ball, their winning and losing average improved slightly. The greatest thrill of the season was the winning of the second place trophy at Potomac in the annual Blind Draw Tournament.

Armstrong finished the season Feb. 27 playing Cissna Park at Milford in the Regional Tourney. Cissna Park was the victor, Winning 37 to 78.

BASKETBALL GAMES

| <u>Teams</u>                      | <u>H-T</u> | <u>W-L</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Armstrong vs. East Lynn           | H          | W          | 24-26        |
| Armstrong vs. Potomac             | T          | W          | 18-42        |
| Armstrong vs. Rankin              | H          | L          | 36-32        |
| Armstrong vs. Rossville           | H          | L          | 48-41        |
| Potomac Tournament                | Potomac    |            |              |
| Armstrong vs. Henning             |            | W          | 27-36        |
| Armstrong vs. East Lynn           |            | L          | 41-34        |
| Armstrong vs. Bismarck            | H          | W          | 37-52        |
| Armstrong vs. Alvin               | T          | L          | 44-40        |
| Armstrong vs. Rossville           | T          | L          | 55-26        |
| Armstrong vs. Hoopeston           | Hoopeston  | L          | 66-35        |
| Armstrong vs. Westville           | H          | L          | 57-48        |
| Armstrong vs. Henning             | H          | W          | 27-41        |
| Armstrong vs. Oakwood             | T          | L          | 55-35        |
| Armstrong vs. Rossville           | Hoopeston  | L          | 32-25        |
| Armstrong vs. Potomac             | H          | W          | 30-35        |
| Armstrong vs. East Lynn           | T          | L          | 40-34        |
| Armstrong vs. Henning             | T          | W          | 31-42        |
| Armstrong vs. Ogden               | H          | W          | 28-47        |
| Armstrong vs. Rankin              | H          | L          | 46-32        |
| Armstrong vs. Oakwood             | H          | L          | 64-46        |
| Armstrong vs. Bismarck            | T          | W          | 27-46        |
| Armstrong vs. Cissna Park Milford |            | L          | 78-37        |

During year opponents scored 911 points; Armstrong--832.

BASEBALL BATTING AVERAGE

|              | AB       | H        | AVE         |
|--------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| Wise         | 15       | 7        | .467        |
| Schutz       | ,16      | 6        | .375        |
| Grider       | 17       | 3        | .176        |
| Davis, Bob   | 16       | 5        | .312        |
| James        | 14       | 6        | .428        |
| Sharpf       | 13       | 0        | .000        |
| Busboom      | 12       | 1        | .083        |
| Davis, Loyal | 13       | 4        | .308        |
| Chambliss    | 13       | 2        | .154        |
| Ludwig       | 1        | 0        | .000        |
| Creighton    | <u>1</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>.000</u> |
|              | 134      | 34       | .258        |

BASKETBALL POINTS

| <u>Players</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|----------------|---------------|
| James Grider   | 289           |
| Bob Davis      | 226           |
| Hardin James   | 179           |
| Byron Wise     | 44            |
| Loyal Davis    | 47            |
| Jack Sharpf    | 24            |
| Clarence Tate  | 7             |
| John Schutz    | 3             |

## BASEBALL GAMES

| <u>Teams</u>            | <u>Winner-Loser</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Armstrong vs. East Lynn | Loser               | 4 to 6       |
| Armstrong vs. Alvin     | Loser               | 3 to 5       |
| Armstrong vs. Bismarck  | Winner              | 5 to 2       |
| Armstrong vs. Potomac   | Winner              | 16 to 1      |
| Armstrong vs. Henning   | Winner              | 7 to 2       |

## BASEBALL RUNS

| <u>Players</u>   | <u>Runs</u> |
|------------------|-------------|
| John Schutz      | 7           |
| Bob Davis        | 6           |
| Loyal Davis      | 4           |
| Byron Wise       | 4           |
| James Chambliss  | 3           |
| James Grider     | 3           |
| Hardin James     | 3           |
| Clarence Busboom | 2           |
| Jack Sharpf      | 2           |
| Wilbur Creighton | 1           |

## BASKE TBALL

Top Row--Left to Right--W. Creighton, J. Ludwig, A. McElwee, G. Davis, E. Davis, J. Bickers, J. Schutz C. Busboom, J. Chambliss

Second Row--J. Marron, J. Ludwig, D. Tate, J. Sharpf, C. Tate, M. Curtis, D. Curtis

Bottom Row--R. Buck, H. James, B. Davis, J. Grider L. Davis, B. Wise, Mr. Coffey

## CHEERLEADERS

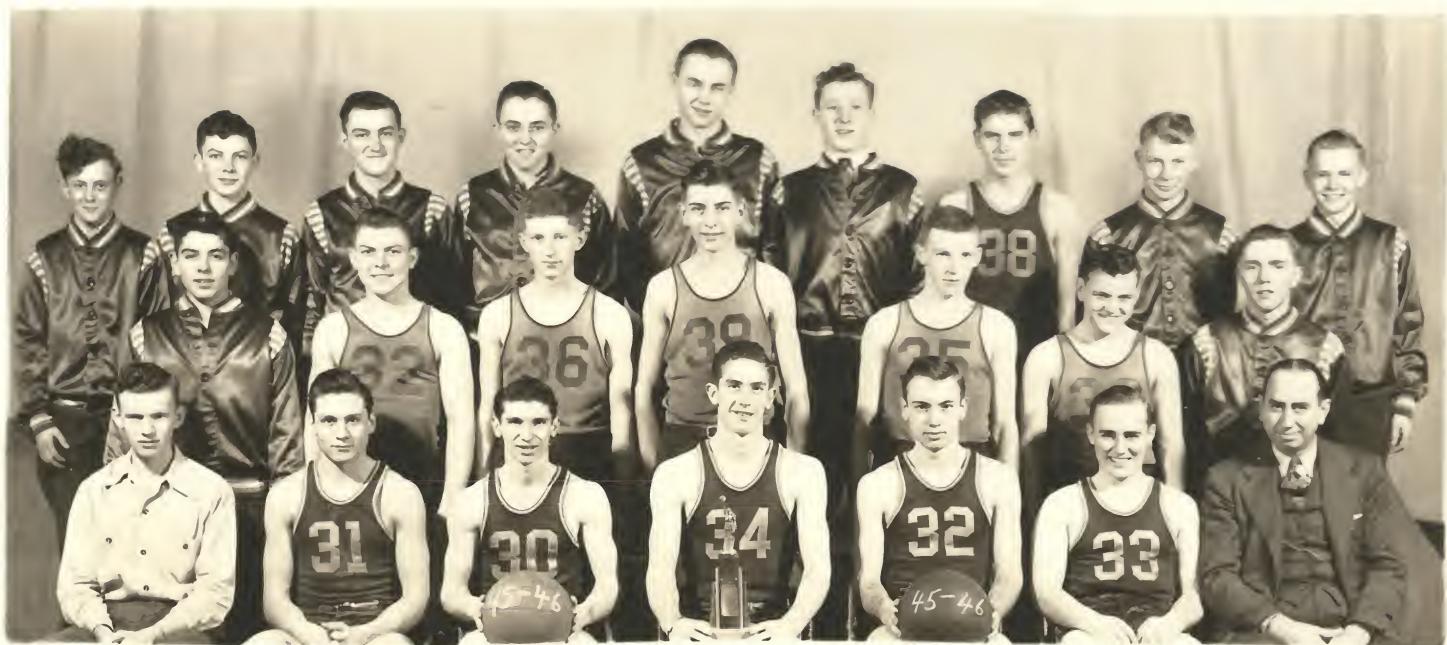
Left to Right-- Marion Webber, Betty McConnell, Peggy Meitzler

## BASEBALL

Back Row--Left to Right--J. Marron, A. McElwee, G. Davis, D. Tate, C. Tate, J. Ludwig, A. Ackerman, M. Curtis

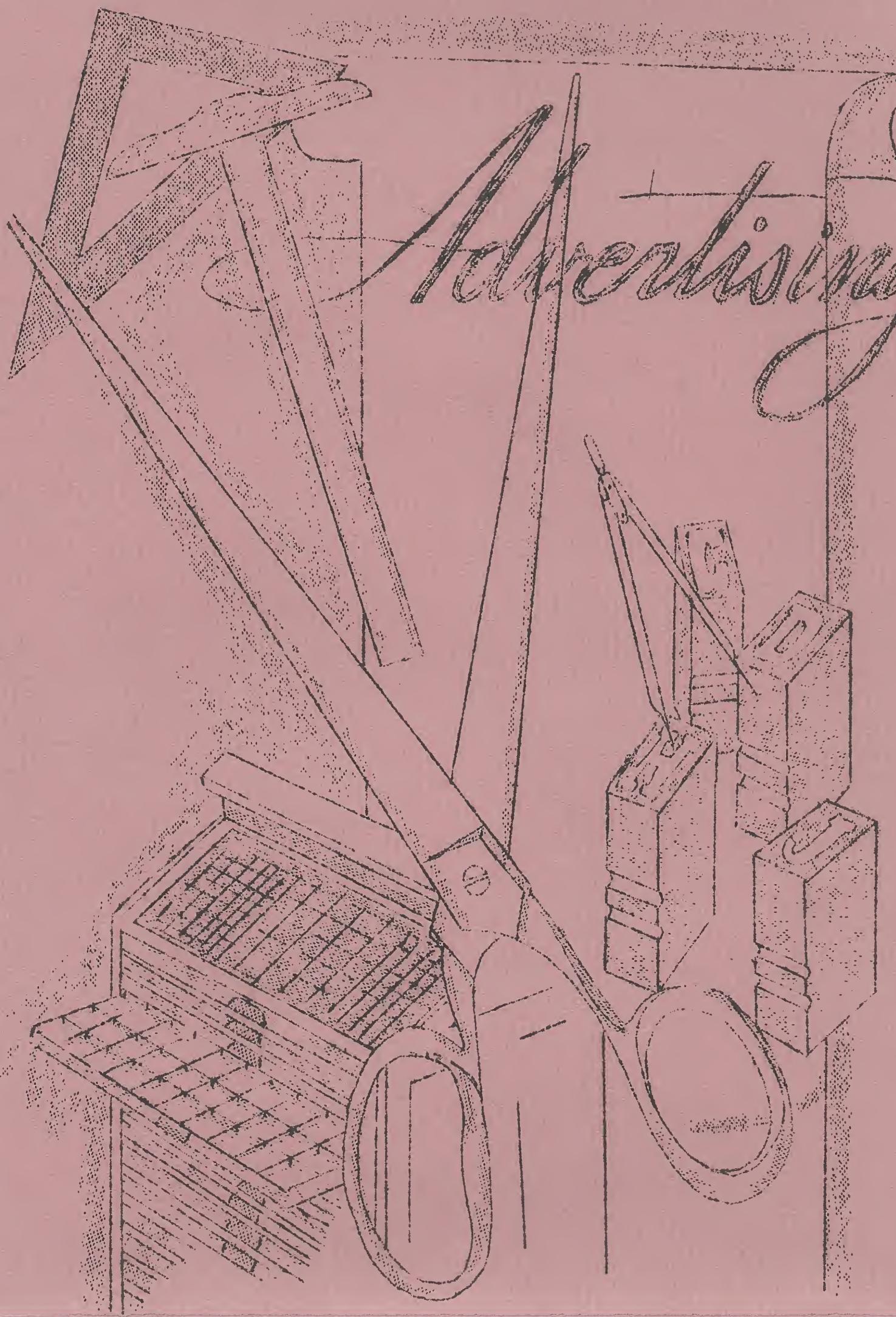
Middle Row--Mr. Coffey, L. Davis, J. Sharpf, C. Busboom, J. Ludwig, R. Buck

First Row--J. Schutz, B. Wise, W. Creighton, H. James, B. Davis, J. Grider, J. Chambliss





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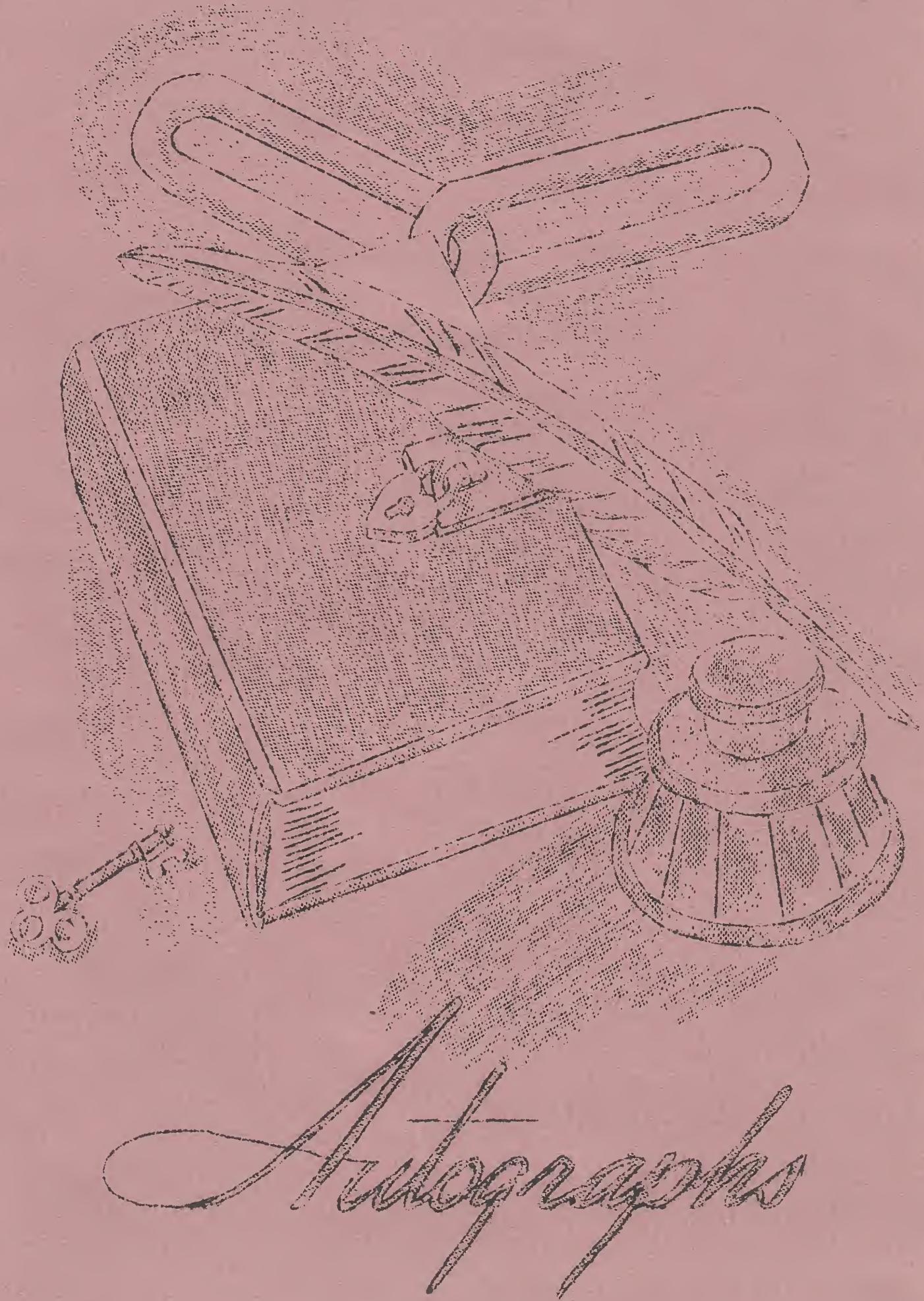
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